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REF: HUME-FENDRICK, SHIRE-STANTON, SHIRE-AISTON 7/18 AND 7/19 TELCONS

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RWANDAN PERMREP ABSENTS HIMSELF FROM COUNCIL

2. UNSC PRESIDENT MARKER ANNOUNCED MORNING OF JULY 19 THAT RWANDAN PERMREP BIZIMANA WOULD HENCEFORTH ABSENT HIMSELF FROM COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS. HE SAID THAT RWANDA'S ABSENCE WOULD NOT AFFECT THE COUNCIL'S ABILITY TO ACT, RECALLING PREVIOUS INSTANCES WHERE IT MET WITHOUT ALL 15 MEMBERS. RWANDA REMAINS OFFICIALLY A MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

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NEW GOVERNMENT SWORN IN

- 3. U/SYG GHAREKHAN INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT RWANDA'S NEW GOVERNMENT WAS SWORN-IN JULY 19. HE ADDED DRYLY THAT UN OFFICIALS ENJOYED ALL EIGHT HOURS OF THE CEREMONY, WATCHING FROM THEIR SEATS IN THE SUN AS EACH SPEECH WAS TRANSLATED CONSECUTIVELY INTO TWO OTHER LANGUAGES.
- 4. THE SYG'S SPECIAL REP FOR RWANDA, SHAHRYAR KHAN, HAS MET WITH THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER. (GHAREKHAN SAID THAT ALL ARE HUTU WITH THE EXCEPTION OF VICE PRESIDENT KAGAME, ALSO THE DEFENSE MINISTER; THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND WILL BE SWORN-IN LATER.) ALL SPOKE IN CONSTRUCTIVE TERMS, ENCOURAGING RWANDANS TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES WITHOUT FEAR OF RETRIBUTION OR WITCH-HUNTS.
- 5. THE CEASEFIRE APPEARS TO BE HOLDING, GHAREKHAN SAID, IF ONLY BECAUSE INTERIM GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE ALL FLED THE COUNTRY. THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION REMAINS MOST GRAVE, ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENTS ARE BEGINNING TO STEP IN

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WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDS. HE CITED SPECIFICALLY AN ADDITIONAL 31 MILLION PLEDGED BY AID DIRECTOR ATWOOD, AND 213 MILLION PLEDGED BY THE EU.

FRANCE INTENDS TO DEPART BY AUGUST 21

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- 6. FRENCH DEPUTY PERMREP LADSOUS COMMENTED THAT THE ONLY SOLUTION TO THE HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM IS TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE IN THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO ASSURE THE SECURITY OF ITS CITIZENS. FRANCE IS SENDING AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO KIGALI TO RECOMMEND HOW FRANCE CAN BEST TRANSFER AUTHORITY IN THE SAFE AREAS TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT. HE REPORTED THAT INTERIM GOVERNMENT FORCES ENTERING THE SAFE AREAS AGREED EASILY TO BE DISARMED, AND THAT FRANCE TOOK THIS AS A POSITIVE AND HELPFUL SIGN.
- 7. FRANCE INTENDS TO BEGIN WITHDRAWING FORCES ON JULY 31 AND TO CONCLUDE BY AUGUST 21. LADSOUS SAID IT WAS FRANCE'S EXPECTATION THAT A REINFORCED UNAMIR WOULD HELP IN THAT TRANSITION.
- 8. PER REFTELCONS, WE HAVE INFORMALLY SOUNDED OUT THE FRENCH ON THE QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES TO DETAIN AND ARREST THOSE IN THE SAFE AREAS SUSPECTED OF ATROCITIES. THE FRENCH ARE UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT BROADENING THEIR AUTHORITY, PREFERRING INSTEAD TO FOCUS ON GRADUALLY CEDING CONTROL OF THE SAFE AREAS TO THE NEW

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